

**Introduced by Senator Aanestad**

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An act relating to firefighters.

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SB 402, as introduced, Aanestad. Firefighters.

Existing law provides for fire protection services in California.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to ensure that the necessary access to fire protection services is available to every resident of California, including those residing in rural areas, and to ensure that every firefighter in this state provides fire protection services in a safe and effective manner.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2     following:  
3     (a) Volunteer firefighters provide an invaluable public safety  
4     service throughout the state.  
5     (b) In rural areas, especially those areas where the terrain varies  
6     between heavily saturated forestry, drier open fields, and larger  
7     agricultural plots, rural land mass is more susceptible to incur  
8     destructive and expansive wildfires.  
9     (c) If there is an insufficient amount of firefighting coverage,  
10    California will be left vulnerable to fire damage.  
11    (d) It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure that the necessary  
12    access to fire protection services is available to every resident of

- 1 California, including those residing in rural areas, and to ensure
- 2 that every firefighter in the state provides fire protection services
- 3 in a safe and effective manner.

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